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SUBJECT: EC/ARAB DIALOGUE

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1. ISRAELI-JORDAN DESK OFFICER BELLEISSUE TOLD US JUNE 7 THAT FRENCH ARE VERY SATISFIED WITH THE RESULTS OF LATEST BONN MIDDLE EAST EXPERTS MEETING, INCLUDING THE UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN EC AND US ON "MUTUAL EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION", A PHRASE HE REPEATEDLY USED WHEN EC-US "CONSULTATIONS" WERE DISCUSSED. HE SAID THAT FOLLOWING EC MINISTERS MEETING JUNE 10-11, APPROACHES TO ARAB GOVERNMENTS WOULD BE MADE BY EC REPRESENTATIVES AND THAT A MEETING BETWEEN REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ARABS AND THE EC PRESIDENCY WOULD TAKE PLACE WHILE THE GERMANS ARE STILL IN THE CHAIR, I.E., BEFORE JUNE 30.

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2. BELLEISSUE INDICATED THAT THE TIMING OF THE NEXT

STEPS IN THE DIALOGUE IS PROBLEMATIC. THE DANES AND THE DUTCH, HE SAID, HAVE NO OBJECTION TO THE EC'S MOVING ALONG AS FAST AS POSSIBLE SINCE THE SUMMER VACATION PERIOD WILL DOUBTLESS DELAY FURTHER ACTION UNTIL SEPTEMBER WHEN, THE EC ASSUMES, THERE WILL NO LONGER BE AN ARAB BOYCOTT. AS THE DUTCH ARE NOT SUFFERING FOR LACK OF OIL, THEY DO NOT WISH TO HOLD THINGS UP ANYWAY, HE SAID.

3. ACCORDING TO BELLEISSUE, THE FRENCH HAVE BARELY BEGUN TO CONSIDER HOW THEY WILL OPERATE WHEN THEY ASSUME THE PRESIDENCY. HE IMPLIED THAT THE MODUS OPERANDI WITH FRANCE'S EC PARTNERS WOULD HAVE TO BE DETERMINED BEFORE THE FRENCH WOULD BE ABLE TO DECIDE ON HOW TO "MUTUALLY EXCHANGE INFORMATION" WITH THE US. IRWIN

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